(c) Although the utilisation of funds under SJSRY had initially been relatively low, it has since picked up momentum due to vigorous monitoring of the scheme at Central level.

Allegations of corruption against DDA officers

†876. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allegations of corruption have been levelled against many officers and employees of Delhi Development Authority during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of these officers and employees separately; and

(c) the number of cases against which inquiry have been conducted by Government and the number of persons found guilty, so far, alongwith the number of inquiries which are yet to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. DDA has reported that the number of officers and employees against whom allegations of corruption have been levelled is 36.

(c) Cases have been registered against 36 officers and employees. On completion of inquiry by the CBI and the Delhi Police, chargesheet against 20 officers/employees have been filed in the Court and the matter is *sub judice*. Inquiry against 16 officers/employees is under process.

Scheme to reform the DDA

†877. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to comprehensively reform Delhi Development Authority's structure and style of functioning;

(b) if so, the outlines of the said scheme; and

(c) by when this decision is proposed to be finally implemented?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Government had considered restructuring and reorganization of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) through modernization and rationalization in different spheres of its activities so that it becomes more result oriented. DDA has initiated action for improvement in the working of its various Departments. Several short term and long term measures have been initiated by DDA to train and rationalize its work force, introduce computerization and e-governance to improve the working and to make it more responsive to the public.

Financial assistance to small entrepreneurs

878. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any scheme for assisting small entrepreneurs including hawkers, rickshaw pullers etc. with loans and other financial assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its *modus operandi* to ensure that the assistance reaches those for whom it is meant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Central Government has recently initiated the process of formulation of a policy for the hawkers and street vendors so as to mitigate their sufferings. In this context, a Task Force on street vendors constituted under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation with a view to finalising broad guidelines on street vendors and hawkers for regulation of street vending has already started functioning. However, such hawkers, rickshaw pullers, etc. who are classified as urban poor can avail of assistance under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally sponsored scheme implemented by this Ministry through State Governments.

Infrastructure industry status to residential areas, highways etc.

†879. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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